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President's Message

I write this President's Message just before hitting the road for the RCNA convention, two weddings, etc.; and as I am recovering from attending the biggest party Timmins ever put on the *Stars & Thunder* 8-day International Fireworks Competition & Music Festival, featuring performers of the likes of Tom Cochrane with Red River, Simple Plan, Hedley, Johnny Reid, April Wine and headliner Keith Urban. It was great! I wish the weather had cooperated, as some days I looked like a duck in my yellow rain poncho and my Canada Red cap!

I also hope you had a great CAWMC breakfast in Boucherville. I'll be there next year! And I'll tell my 17 nephews and nieces to check with me before getting married on CAWMC Breakfast AGM day! Our new 2017-2019 Executive is updated on our side-mast. I would like to take this opportunity, to thank all of you for your continued support, and I look forward to serving you again. The minutes and financials of our Annual General Meeting held at the RCNA July convention will be published in our September Timber Talk.

At the meeting of the Southern Ontario Chapter of our association, in Kitchener, on April 22, I had the pleasure to launch the first of two woods to be issued by CAWMC this year. The first one bears a revamped CAWMC logo, in red, and a special "enjoy the hobby of wooden money collecting" design, complete with website address and phone number, where one can get information about our association, in blue.

The second wood, launched in July, shows the winning design of our Canada 150 birthday wish contest, on one side, in red again, to accommodate the design and our "enjoy the hobby" design on the other, in green. Congratulations to Ross Kingdon, our designer!

Each member of CAWMC will receive five (5) of each wood. I would like each member to keep one or two for himself/herself, depending of your pattern of collecting, and to distribute the remaining three (3) or four (4) to friends and fellow collectors that might be interested in this unusual hobby of ours. Be your association's ambassador in your area!

Our CAWMC logo medal die, sitting at Pressed Metal Products (Vancouver); and the CAWMC logo wood die at Canada Wide Woods (CWW), are both available to our members free of charge. Please don't hesitate to use either, at your convenience. Just drop me a note indicating your intent. I am particularly proud of the logo die at CWW and its availability will keep the production cost of your own woods affordable. So, go ahead, treat yourself!

Will you work on your collection in August? If yes, please consider writing something for Timber Talk. You can reach me at France D. Waychison, P.O. Box 466, Timmins ON P4N 7E3 or at france@waychison.com. Enjoy the rest of the summer!

France





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The C.A.W.M.C. was founded on January 1st, 1975, by Garry Braunwarth (C-1) (pictured below) and Victor B. Hall (C-2) in Calgary, Alberta. In addition to the founders, these are the 43 other original charter members.

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Garry Braunwarth >>>



Sovereign Coin Shop

Free Wood of the Month of August 2017 by Ross Kingdon

The Sovereign Coin Shop / Appraisals Consignments Hamilton wood was secured by Al Munro for the club. There was 1,000 of these woods made in 2012. This wood is in Norm's catalogue under Ontario as #5400-048. In a previous 2016 issue of the Timber Talk, we wrote of another wood issued in 1985, 500 made, catalogued as #5400-030. Sovereign Coin Shop was located at 544-1/2 Barton Street East, and later listed as a p.o. box 47503 at The Centre Mall on Barton. The business now seems to owned and operated by Steven P. Forten. Steve appears to have a store on eBay and on-line auctions. He has been an ANA member since 1970 and is also a member of RCNA, ONA, APS, IBNS, and TPC. On



June 17, 2017, eBay shows his business with a AAAAA+++++ rating. He still shows a post office box 47503 (same as on the wood for Sovereign Coin) at Centre Mall simply as Coins Postcards & Collectables sforten@cogeco.ca, and has booth #9 at Freelon Ontario Antique Mall. The Centre Mall directory does not list his business nor any hobby shop. The 2012 woods references an email address for a Paul, also at a post office box at the mall, and it reads Sovereign Coin. If any of this is incorrect and somebody has the real story and knows what happened after 2012 to the name Sovereign Coin & Stamp, please share.

Featured Woods: (note: if we receive a donation of a NEW wood, we will insert it and push the schedule out farther):

- ◆ **Probert Wedding**—September 2017—donated by Al Munro
- ◆ October 2017—**Trump wood** (from Jim Smith, woodencoin.com) - same month as Columbus Day
- ◆ **West Edmonton Coin & Stamp** - November 2017 (8300-133) or new wood
- ◆ **360 Wellness**—December 2017—donated by Al Munro
- ◆ **West Edmonton Coin & Stamp** - January 2018 (8300-132)
- ◆ **Family Day (by Province)** - February 2018—donated by Jim Smith of woodencoin.com
- ◆ **St. Patrick / Ides** - March 2018—donated by Jim Smith of woodencoin.com
- ◆ **Wood Coin Collector / Busy** - April 2018—donated by Jim Smith of woodencoin.com
- ◆ **West Edmonton Coin & Stamp** - May 2018 (8300-138)
- ◆ **West Edmonton Coin & Stamp** - August 2018 (8300-134)
- ◆ **West Edmonton Coin & Stamp** - November 2018 (8300-137) - this is the last wood in the 8-wood series

Woods to be advised for June, July, September, October, and December 2018. More donations are always welcomed!

CSNS 78th! by Gerry Tebben, Editor of *The Centinel*, photos courtesy of CSNS



The Central States Numismatic Society has been serving the numismatic community since 1939, operates in a 13-state mid-western region of the USA (Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota and Wisconsin), and has a membership around 2,000. There were 100 of this CSNS 78th Anniversary Convention "Kentucky" medal. This is part of a series of state seal convention medals which will end with the 2029 medal. It was unveiled in Schaumburg, Illinois during the April 26-29, 2017 spring convention.



Ray O. Lefman was the recipient of the first-ever CSNS "Founders Award" during the 50th convention in Overland Park, Kansas (Ray's home state). He held several executive and convention roles, and was a true ambassador for the CSNS, positively impacting the organization's growth. After Ray's passing, the CSNS Award of Merit, the highest honor, was renamed in honour of Ray's contribution to the CSNS.

During the 2017 spring convention, **Robert (Bob) Fritsch** (CAWMC / IOWMC member), and **Mack Martin** received the award from Kevin Foley. Congratulations Bob!



Bob was also a presenter during the Saturday Educational Symposium, where he presented *Exploring the Wonderful World of Tokens and Medals*. Helping to staff the IOWMC table were **Robert (Bob) Gabriel**, **Darrell Luedtke**, and IOWMC new member **Bob Burlingame** (Numismatics of Wisconsin, "NOW").



History of CAWMC
Timber Talk
Newsletter
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Jan. 1975 – Sept. 1979
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Oct. 1979 – July 1981
Stan Clute

Aug. 1981 – July 1983
Albert Kasman

Aug. 1983 – Oct. 1992
Garry Braunwarth

Nov. 1992 – Dec. 1994
Lou Vesh

Jan. 1995 – Aug. 2008
Ross Kingdon
(14 years!!!)



Above is a Dan Gosling photo
of Ross Kingdon

Sept. 2008 – Dec. 2009
Tony Hine

Jan. 2010 – Aug. 2010 Norm
Belsten

Sept. 2010 – Current
Judy Blackman, FONA, KStE



B.C. Tourism Woods to Celebrate Canada's 150th

In celebration of 2017 being Canada 150th birthday, Jim Smith of woodcoin.com has been engaged with the *Likely & District Chamber of Commerce*, the *Likely Information Centre and Cedar City Museum*, and the *Williams Lake & District Chamber of Commerce* to create a series of wooden tokens to commemorate the *Cariboo Chilcotin Circle Tour*, *Gold Rush Circle Tour*, including the local museums, and key historic sites in northern British Columbia.

The tours includes Cedar City Museum (Likely), Jack Lynn Museum (Horsefly), Museum of the Cariboo Chilcotin (Williams Lake), Cedar Point Class C Provincial Park (Quesnel Lake), The Back Road (linking Likely and Wells / Barkerville), Barkerville Provincial Park, Whisky Flat Rec Site, Bowron Lakes Provincial Park, Cariboo River Provincial Park, Cariboo Mountain Provincial Park, Ladies Creek Rec Site, Wolverine Lake Rec Site, Spanish Lake Rec Site. Ghost Lake Falls, Historic Lyne's Cabin, Comet Creek Falls, and many other lakes, streams and mountains, and some interesting wooden bridges.

18 Common obverses include:

- ◆ Likely British Columbia Gateway to the 1859 Gold Trail Ghost Town Quesnel Forks
- ◆ Likely British Columbia Gateway to the Cariboo Goldfields
- ◆ Canada Celebrates 150 Years 1867 2017
- ◆ John Likely 1841 1929 Likely British Columbia
- ◆ District of Wells British Columbia Canada
- ◆ District of Wells British Columbia More Than Just Gold
- ◆ Canada 1867 2017 Thirty-six Million Strong 150 Years
- ◆ Explore Discover Learn Big Little Science Centre Kamloops British Columbia
- ◆ Likely BC Celebrates Canada 150 Years Victoria Day 2017
- ◆ Cedar City Museum Cedar Point Provincial Park Likely BC
- ◆ Kaslo British Columbia
- ◆ Horsefly British Columbia
- ◆ Kamloops British Columbia
- ◆ Keithley Creek Library Likely British Columbia
- ◆ Circle Gold Rush Route / Explore The Back Road Likely Barkerville Wells BC Gold Rush Circle Route
- ◆ University of Northern B.C. Prince George
- ◆ I traveled to Likely British Columbia
- ◆ Wells British Columbia

Each printed with 8 reverses, so that if you wanted the entire set you'd have 144 wooden coins in total. When Jim sends your order he always adds a few surprises. As well once or twice a year, he sends his customers little wooden coin gifts. Here's a few examples.

These coins are at the Valley General Store (raising money for the school) and the Cedar City Museum (all donated). Jim explains, "Using my Mix & Match print system, provides issues of as low as 20, but on average the issue is about 50. Jim says





As always, Jim also sends along some free woods, many of which demonstrate his sense of humour. See below...





Market Woods by Al Munro

This is the wooden token described in the July issue of the Timber Talk. The tokens are manufactured in Ontario. My nephew was able to obtain three copies but received a lead on another wooden token which is the subject below.



These four varieties of a wooden token issued by the Millwoods Farmers market were located as a result of following up on the South Edmonton farmers market wooden tokens. The tokens are distributed by draws at the farmers market and have been in use for several years. The blue token is the newest variety.

Market Buck Coins are unique to the Millwoods Farmers' Market. The MBC work the same way cash does. Each MBC is worth \$1 and redeemable at all vendors. MBC are valid the entire market season, so there is no expiration date.

The Millwoods Farmers' Market has two draw that happen every week during market season. Every week there is a Weekly Draw for 25 MBC. The winner is picked only from the ballots cast that specific Thursday evening (1 win / household / season). An additional weekly draw has multiple winners. The winners of this Mini Buck Draw are picked from all the ballots cast throughout the market season. It doesn't stop there. The market has even more ways for you to win prizes. You never know when it will show up: the Spin-to-Win Prize Wheel. This prize wheel offers you a chance to win MBC and other prizes.

The Millwoods Farmers' Market was established in 1985 and is a certified Alberta Farmers' Market. The market runs June 1 to September 28, 2017, every Thursday from 5-8 p.m. The market is located in the Millwoods Recreation Centre parking lot at 7207-28 Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta. Parking is free.



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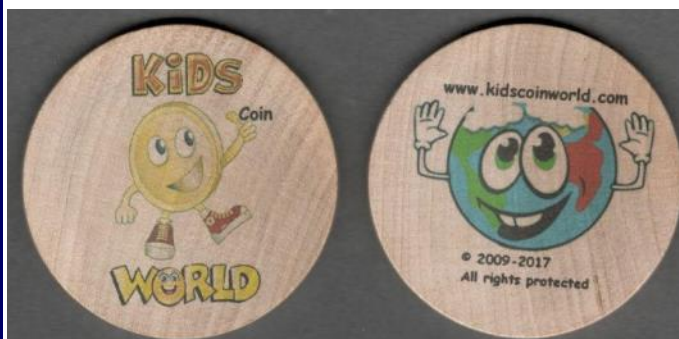
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Kids Coin World Resurrection

The Canadian website www.kidscoinworld.com was taken down a couple of years back due to the labour to maintain what was then a massive site filled with games, puzzles, tips, collecting information, school classroom lessons, blogs, joke sharing, and much, much, more! Recently, the Canadian owner has decided to resurrect the site but modernize it for mobile applications and reduce the focus to a more manageable site. Although some pages are still under construction, the entire site is expected to be completed before the end of this year (2017). In order to launch the improved site to children, 500 were ordered of these 50mm multi-coloured woods which were produced by the Old Time Wooden Nickel Company of San Antonio, Texas. These woods will be handed out to children at both numismatic and non-numismatic community events, community centres, and in schools. Sorry CAWMC members, they are not for adults!! Unfortunately there wasn't a Canadian source in Canada who could produce woods of this size with this depth of colour, and without altering the design (which is trade-marked and copyright protected). The shipment had 510 in the box, but two had chips, one was uniface (blue world side missing), and one has smeared black (blue world side).



Northwood, New Hampshire Bicentennial Wooden Nickels

by Robert (Bob) Gabriel



This 20-piece set was issued by Northwood NH in 1973. This set was typical of the time where various merchants sponsored individual woods offsetting the issuing agencies financial burden to bankroll the entire bicentennial celebration set. The image above shows two different obverses and the common reverse – with woods #7 & #8 shown. The set was issued all in black all 1-1/2" diameter. The set contained a selection of business establishments long-closed and / or currently operating, that has or had significance to Northwood's history. Below is a detailed listing of the Northwood woods as published in the official *Wooden Money Guide 9th Edition*.

Northwood, New Hampshire - 1973
(Bicentennial) Wooden Money Guide Book 9th edition

The #13 is the Coe-Brown Northwood Academy which was founded in 1867 and continues to operate today for grades 9-12.



1	Sherman's Garage	5¢	Black	\$2.50
2	Pinkham's Express	5¢	Black	\$2.50
3	Bailey & Co Gen. Cons	5¢	Black	\$2.50
4	Johnson's Dairy Bar	5¢	Black	\$2.50
5	The Linscott Agency	5¢	Black	\$2.50
6	John A Tasker Ins.	5¢	Black	\$2.50
7	Pinkham Funeral Home	5¢	Black	\$2.50
8	Northwood Garage	5¢	Black	\$2.50
9	Northwood Oil Co.	5¢	Black	\$2.50
10	Harding Metals	5¢	Black	\$2.50
11	Lester's Farm & Mkt	5¢	Black	\$2.50
12	Tasker's Well Co	5¢	Black	\$2.50
13	Coe Brown Northwd	5¢	Black	\$2.50
14	Ox Bow Restaurant	5¢	Black	\$2.50
15	Parsons Bottled Gas	5¢	Black	\$2.50
16	Chadbourn's Rest.	5¢	Black	\$2.50
17	Ridge Store	5¢	Black	\$2.50
18	Earle's General Store	5¢	Black	\$2.50
19	Village Drive-In Rest.	5¢	Black	\$2.50
20	Custom Cabana	5¢	Black	\$2.50

Bamboo Wooden Dog Tags

These are bamboo wooden dog tags, with a burning man themed design. The theme for this year's burning man is "Radical Ritual". This design has the burning man logo set into 'the proposed pagoda' being erected this year. These are laser etched and cut out of bamboo wood. There are two sizes of these tags, standard is 2 inches / 51mm tall and the larger ones are 2.5 inches / 63mm. They are designed by a graphic design artist (Dr Peper of Peper Industries), who makes a new design each year.



An Interesting Tale...

by David (Rusty) Phillips, CAWMC Member

An interesting tale is herein told by “Yours Truly” re the following wood...

This wood was advertised in April, 2017, in an online auction in the U.S., and was noted as being from Whitehorse, Yukon (see handwriting on its container). There was no picture of the wood in the advertisement. Since I am keenly interested in woods from the Yukon (only 11 are known), and thinking that this might be a rare find of a previously unknown wood, I bid vigorously for the wood. I was in luck, and was the successful bidder!!!

Whilst waiting for the wood to arrive by mail, I googled the name of the issuer (Padre Art Turnbull) and was very fortunate to find him, alive and well, living (retired) in a suburb of Vancouver. I established a good email contact with Padre Art, and I asked him about the “whys and wherefores” of the wood, e.g. when made and issued, how many made, why from Whitehorse, etc. A great response from Padre Art, HOWEVER, he deflated my balloon of hope, for a new, unknown Yukon wood!!! Nevertheless, a wonderful explanation of the wood’s creation and distribution, as follows, in his own words:

“Hello David; Sounds like you are collecting wooden nickels that are made for and originate in B.C. and the Yukon. Alas, my wee wooden nickel originated in Angus, Ontario, with my commissioning of and purchasing of 200 that were made by the man, who for decades, made wooden nickels in Angus. I tried for a few more about 1990 but found out he no longer was in business.”

Padre Art went on to tell me he had been an Anglican Minister and was a Chaplain in the Canadian Army from 1969 until his retirement in 1985. Here again, in his words, is the explanation of the distribution of the woods:

“In 1985, for my retirement dinner from the Canadian Forces Chaplaincy, I had the wooden nickels made for me to hand out as a gesture of friendship with those I had been part of for so many years. Each of the Protestant Chaplains attending the dinner was given this token. Others, not present, were also given one by mail, and some were distributed to other friends and comrades in arms.

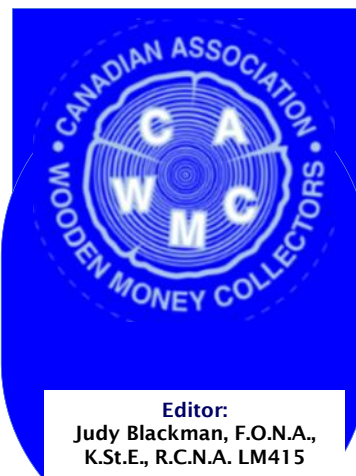


Now, how does such a piece of wood get to the Yukon, is a good question... I was in Whitehorse sometime around 1995 or 1996 for an electoral for the Bishop of Yukon. Perhaps I gave some person in that city one of my last wooden nickels. Alternative though, would be that one of the Padres who originally got a wooden nickel from me was living later in the Whitehorse area, though I do not know of any such person who did this.”

So, the question still hangs in the air — how did this wood get into the collection of a wooden token collector (now deceased) from Pennsylvania, and how did this wood become attributed / labelled to Whitehorse, Yukon (when, in fact, it is correctly attributed and numbered in Norm Belsten’s Canadian Wooden Token Catalogue as: Angus, Ontario—#5075-133)??? Will this remain as one of Life’s many mysteries????

My sincere Thanks to Padre Art Turnbull for his willingness to share this story with me. Very much appreciated!!

[Editor’s Note: Art Turnbull is a well-respected retired Anglican priest of the diocese of Ontario; retired Priest with Permission to Officiate, diocese of New Westminster. This year (2017) he and his wife Gordi celebrate 57 years of marriage. They were married by Padre Rand of Camp Borden, Ontario. Art has been published numerous times, in both articles and books.]

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NASHUA FARMERS' MARKET

by **Robert (Bob) Fritsch**, CAWMC / IOWMC Member

When the weather turns nice and the growing season starts to produce, farmers' markets spring up in cities and towns all over the country (U.S.A.). My home town of Nashua, New Hampshire, is no exception. My wife and I visited the local event (held every Sunday morning and Wednesday afternoon), and noticed some wooden money in a vendor's till. These woods are for people with Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) / Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) cards as a convenient way to transfer money to a vendor. During the Sunday market, the Granite State Market Match (GSMM) program is in place, in that for each \$1 in SNAP / EBT expended, the GSMM match it with credit towards \$1 of fresh fruits and veggies. There is no maximum expenditure for SNAP / EBT customers. There are two woods denominat-ed \$1, one with a green edge for green produce, and a red edge for other items. The vendor was reluctant to take Uncle Sam's dollar for the one wood I was able to purchase, and that is illustrated here.



Many of the markets in the state use wooden money for this exact purpose. I was told that Manchester's market used \$5 woods, but was unable to determine what other markets used them. It will be fun going around the state looking for this most interesting new form of wooden money.

Elgin Coin Club Wood-Encased Cents

by **James (Jim) Davis**, ECC Secretary, photos by **Robert (Bob) Fritsch**, CAWMC/IOWMC Member



Beginning in 2009, The Elgin Coin Club (which was founded in 1957 in South Elgin in Illinois, <http://www.worksandwords.com/coins/ecc>) has given a wood-encased cent token to everyone who attended one of the club's semi-annual coin shows. The wood ring indicates whether the token was issued in the spring or fall show and contains two cents to compensate for the thickness of the wood. The inscriptions on the wood from 2009 to 2011 are Elgin Coin Club, The Centsible Choice, Collector Token and Spring/Fall Show. The 2009 issues feature two of the four Lincoln Bicentennial reverses. The spring show has the

Log Cabin reverse designed by Richard Masters and Jim Licaretz. The fall has the Professional Life reverse designed by Joel Iskowitz and Don Everhart. Starting in 2010 the shield reverse cent designed by Lyndall Bass was used to indicate the year the token was issued. In 2012, Collegium Numisma replaced the phrase Centsible Choice. That translates to a group gathered together with a common interest in numismatics. Mintages for the tokens range from as many as 300 for a single show down to 150 for the 2014 spring show.

How the tokens are made: Use a drill press and a jig to center the hole. First, use a 17 mm drill bit to cut a hole. Then switch to a 19 mm bit to expand the hole to the diameter of the cent. Clean any sawdust and place one coin in the hole heads up. Next, apply a drop of wood glue then the other cent also heads up. Apply light pressure to force the glue to the inner edge but not enough to seep out the top or bottom. Let the glue dry overnight and your token is done.

